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Forest City Ratifies.

The defeat of the proposition to remove the seat of justice from Oregon to Mound City was ratified most enthusiastically at Forest City last Friday night, the 6th instant.

Forest City had planned to have the jollification Saturday night, but she wanted her neighbor city, Oregon, to participate. Guy Carleton Lee was dated to speak at Oregon Saturday so Forest City changed the date to Friday night, thereby enabling more citizens of Oregon to attend. When the crowd from Oregon reached the top of the Forest City hill, it wasn't hard to tell that something was doing in Forest City. Indeed had it not been for the suggestion of frost in the air, one would have thought from the noise and fireworks, that a fourth of July celebration was in progress. The Oregon fellows, fully 300 strong, lined up with the band in front and descended on the merry makers and joined in the revelry. Pandemonium reigned. During the quiet moments, which occurred only when the supply of powder and combustibles had to be replenished, the successful candidates in the late election were carried to the bandstand and speeches demanded. They were equal to the occasion and Nev Dickson, H. T. Alkire, Al McNulty, Phil Schlotzhauer were among those who were cheered to the echo. Then there were bonfires, noise, fireworks and more noise, which lasted until the available supply was exhausted and the crowd had yelled and cheered until they could yell and cheer no more.

Such demonstrations do much to cement the ties of friendship between peoples and towns. Last Friday night only tightened the bonds of sympathy and good fellowship which have always existed between Forest and City Oregon. There was not an incident to mar the pleasure of the evening. Partisan feelings were put aside and all entered heartily into the spirit of the gathering. The crowd was a boistrous one, but did not overstep the bounds of the law, and there was not the slightest suggestion of any drunkenness.

Still in Doubt.

No change in the vote on minor state officers has been announced, and the result of the election in our state is still in doubt. It is agreed now that an official count to determine the election is necessary so close is the vote. The returns must all be in Jefferson City by today, Friday. There were 48 counties missing up to Thursday. None of the returns will be opened until all have been received.

There is no change in the standing of the legislature. The Republicans have a majority in the lower house of the body and the Democrats a majority in the senate. The legislature will be Democratic on joint ballot, this being conceded by both Democrats and Republicans.

—S. E. Field has leased the Banks farm near Napier. Mr. Banks expects to locate in Nebraska.

Probate Court Matters.

Judge Murphy has been quite busy this week, holding the regular November term of probate court.

The appraisement of personal property, in the Lossen Sipes estate, was made by P. F. and F. E. Leach and George Hunt. The valuation was fixed at $54.

A. W. VanCamp, W. R. Hopper and Chas. A. Moser, as commissioners, to set off the widow's homestead in the Wm. Anno estate, filed their report.

Van Taylor as guardian of Anna E Louden filed his first annual settlement showing a balance of $265 40.

Henry Linville filed a demand for $200 against the P. M. Paschal estate. A trial was had, which brought many witness. The demand was offset by an interest charge, and a balance of 27 cents was awarded Linville.

In the estate of the Wyman heirs, P. L. Trapp, as guardian, filed his settlement, showing $2,094 82 as due Demas, and $50 was appropriated for support. As to Helen his second settlement showed a balance of $1,713 24 due his ward, and $200 was appropriated for her support for the year.

William Key as guardian of May Stanley, filed his report of the sale of his ward's 1-7 interest in 53 acres of land, made to Lemon Notley for $171 43; his first annual settlement showed a balance due his ward of $149 08. The guardian of Guy, Harry and Allen Stanley filed his report of sale his wards 6-7 interest in 53 acres of land to Lemon Notley for $1,414 29, which were approved by the court, as to both sales.

John Scarlett as administrator of the James VanGundy estate made his first settlement, showing a balance in his hands of $1,509 72.

W. S. Thomson filed a demand of $30 50 against the D. D. Perkins estate, which was referred to John W. Stokes, as special administrator.

M. D. Walker, as guardian of Bryant Vining, made settlement, which showed a balance of $30.32. As administrator of the Ed. Prussman estate, his settlement showed a balance of $2,417.91.

Albert Roecker, as executor of the John G Cowan estate, filed his final settlement, showing a balance in his hands of $7,474 31, which was ordered distributed to the following heirs: To Mrs. Mary Cowan, $924.29; to Cora and Florence Cowan, each $817 50; to child of Jessie Messenger, Etta and John Messenger, each $545; to the heirs of Mary E. Cowan, John Asher, Frances and Aseneth Cowan, each $408 75; to Lillian, Robert, Dewitt, Charles, Reed, Ivan and Arthur Cowan, each $273.57.

G. W. Cummins in chge of the D. C. Anderson estate, filed his final settlement, showing a balance in his hands of $1,263.41, which was ordered distributed to the children of D. C. Anderson, Alice and George.

—Grandfather Harris, living with J. P. Morris, of Bigelow, died on October 31st, at the age of 87 years.

—Mrs. Maud Feigenbaum and daughter, Frances, of Geneva, Neb., are here on a visit with her uncle and aunt, Robert Montgomery and wife.

All Hail Missouri—All Hail Holt County.

Republican principles have received a triumphant vindication at the hands of the American people. Almost beyond the most enthusiastic hope of the leaders of the party the voters have signified their sanity and their earnest faith in the sound doctrines that have brought to this country an era of prosperity never before equalled. It is a victory so decisive, so overwhelming and the judgment of the voters was so spontaneous as to leave not the slightest doubt that Bryanism and all the specious fallacies that it stands for are forever repudiated. Not that they esteem him less personally, or withhold his proper due. Mr. Bryan is a great and magnetic preacher, and has wielded a powerful influence for good in this country. He stands for the uplift of government and for public rectitude. But he theorizes overmuch. That he will always be esteemed as one of the greatest citizens of this country goes without saying.

Missouri sends greeting to Iowa, Kansas, Illinois and her other sister Republican states. Four years ago its electoral vote was recorded for Mr. Roosevelt, and thus lifted the state from its apparantly impregnable Democratic position into the doubtful column. In 1908 it maintains that position, and adds strength to it by electing a Republican governor. By the election of Mr. Hadley, it gives the state the first Republican governor it has had in 40 years. It is a sign of the onward march of Republican principles that will bring to the state the heartiest congratulations.

For nearly 40 years the administrations of Missouri have been unreasonably and often wantonly partisan. In the matter of home rule, the new governor will find a brilliant opportunity for recommendations to the legislature. Most of the troubles that have beset Democracy in Missouri have been the outgrowth of the state board system. Gang politics in the larger cities sprang from loose police methods. These gangs are now down and out, taking with them to defeat all that was good in the Democratic party.

The people trust Mr. Hadley, upon the platform of his party and look to him to lead the steps of Missouri to an era of honest, efficient, enlightened official service, with a devoted effort to insure that every citizen of the state and all its interests shall have a fair deal.

His election is a victory of the people and American manhood. It will right many evils that have grown up under the extraordinary long tenure of one party in power. That it will be a blessing to all Missouri and all its people is the Republican hope and wish. Mr. Hadley will be ably supported by a splendid array of strong, capable state officials.

Another pleasing feature of the campaign just closed is the fact that every candidate on the Republican county ticket was given his preferment by a decisive majority. It is especially gratifying to know that Holt county will again be represented in the general assembly by a Republican, and that Judge John H. Hunt is re elected as the member of the county court from the second district. Taken in all, however, it was a sweeping victory, and reflects great credit on the candidates who made the race and on the loyalty of the friends who so ardently and conscientiously supported them, and the splendid management of the campaign under the leadership of County Chairman F. K. Allen, of Craig.

The Congressional Race.

Chas. F. Booher, has again been chosen to represent this district in the national congress, by a plurality of 2,807, over his opponent, Morris A. Reed, of St. Joseph, Mo. His large majority in both St. Joseph and Buchanan county, demonstrates the fact, that the Democracy of Buchanan are loyal to their nominee, no matter where in the district he resides if he has character and capabilities behind him—and Mr. Booher unquestionably has both. His plurality over Mr. Reed is 1,034 greater than that over Mr. Fulkerson two years ago, and the result must be most pleasing and gratifying to Mr. Booher and his political friends.

While THE SENTINEL would have been pleased to announce the election of Mr. Reed, it is pleased at the success of Mr. Booher so long as we must have a Democratic Congressman. He is popular with the masses, as his splendid vote in the district proves.

Mr. Reed carried Holt, Atchison and Andrew counties by 779 plurality, while Mr. Boohers plurality in Buchanan, Platte and Nodaway was 3,564. The vote by counties was as follows:

	Booher.	Reed.
Andrew	1,847	1,068
Atchison	1,676	1,097
Buchanan	10,636	8,372
Holt	1,624	2,231
Nodaway	3,645	3,553
Platte	2,817	3,073
Totals	21,655	18,848

Boohers plurality 2,807.

October Weather.

October here is usually a month free from extremes, but this year, as in 1898, was an exception, and the storm of the 23d and 24th, broke the record for October at this place. This storm brought 7 inches of snow on the 23d and 8 inches on the 24th, a total of 15 inches, with a total precipitation for the month of 5.40 inches. In 1898 we had 12½ inches of snow which fell on the 17th and 18th of the month.

We have had heavier October rain falls, the greatest being in 1883, when 6½ inches fell, and 5.6 inches in 1900, and 5.48 inches in 1908. The lightest falls were .15 of an inch in 1893; .24 of an inch in 1895 and .78 of an inch in 1906. The normal rainfall here is 2.75 inches.

The temperature for the month has been about normal—the normal being 55 degrees against 53 for the month just passed. The coldest October was in 1863, when the mean was 45 degrees. There were three days of the month in 1874, when the register marked 8 degrees. The warmest October was 1899, when the mean was 63, and one day it registered 99. The greatest damage ever done in October by freezing was on the 25th, when the thermometer went down to 12 degrees.

The extremes of the month have been:

	Max.		Min.
14	86	23	31
15	82	24	31
16	80	25	33
17	80	28	28
19	79	30	29

Mean maximum, 63.

Mean minimum, 43.

Mean, 53.

Rainfall, 5.48 inches; greatest in 24 hours, 1.37 inches on the 21.

Snow fall, 7 inches on the 23d; 8 inches on the 24—total, 15 inches.

The Bryan-Taft Vote.

In this congressional district was as follows:

	Bryan.	Taft
Andrew	1,784	2,169
Atchison	1,655	1,697
Buchanan	9,065	7,801
Holt	1,595	2,246
Nodaway	3,605	3,597
Platte	2,797	982
Total	20,501	18,492

Bryan's plurality, 2,009.

The Governorship Race.

The following is the vote for governor in this congressional district:

	Hadley.	Cowherd.
Andrew	2,230	1,722
Atchison	1,780	1,573
Buchanan	8,476	8,582
Holt	2,272	1,563
Nodaway	3,711	3,475
Platte	1,010	2,782
Total	19,479	19,707

Cowherd's plurality, 228.

Folk in 1904 carried the district by 1,804.

The Senatorial Race.

The following is the vote for the Democratic race for United States senator in this congressional district:

	Folk.	Stone.
Andrew	765	769
Atchison	746	727
Buchanan	4,089	4,455
Holt	542	842
Nodaway	1,807	1,201
Platte	822	1,853
Total	8,741	9,787

Stone's plurality, 1,046.

The Republican candidates polled the following vote.

	Kennish.	Kerens.	McKinley.
Andrew	579	000	597
Atchison	58	178	597
Buchanan	1,256	1,568	1,351
Holt	1,754	25	000
Nodaway	777	462	833
Platte	000	000	000
Total	4,424	2,233	3,398

Kennish's plurality, 1,026.

The Constitutional Amendments.

The vote on these was strongly in the negative. Not one received a majority in the county. The voth being as follows:

	Yes	No
First Amendment	442	947
Second "	565	720
Third "	518	746
Fourth "	441	817
Fifth "	365	865
Sixth "	323	745
Seventh "	502	752
Eighth "	258	749

The amendment receiving a majority vote was the one increasing the pay of members of the general assembly. In the state at large all the amendments have been defeated.

Arthur Lenoks has purchased the Fix more farm of Mace Meyer, some five miles east of Mound City, paying $2,000 for the place, or a fraction over $125 an acre. Mr. Meyer, we understand, contemplates engaging in the hardware business at Delta, Colo.

Caught at Last.

On the 6th of January, 1898, the Hatfield & Wyman drug store at Maitland, was robbed of a lot of jewelery and Sam Raymond was arrested and at the April term, 1898, he was convicted and given five years in the penitentiary.

At the same term, James Gray, a companion, was given five years for robbing the Farmer's bank at Maitland in April, 1896.

Both these prisoners were in charge of Deputy Sheriff Frank Graham, on their way to the penitentiary, and while on the train, just after leaving Kansas City, Raymond jumped from the train and made good his escape.

Nothing whatever had been heard from Raymond, alias Oakland Sammy, until a few weeks ago, when Sheriff McNulty received a letter from the sheriff of Raleigh, South Carolina, asking for information about his prisoner, who had been arrested for carrying a burglars outfit. Our sheriff was prompt in answering and gave him the history of Raymond's work here. On Saturday Sheriff McNulty received an answer telling him that Raymond had been given 15 years for carrying burglars tools. It also stated that Raymond came near making good his escape the day prior to his being taken to the penitentiary. He picked a lock, sawed through another and gained entrance to the jail corridor, by the use of a wood key of his own make.

Raymond is one of the cleverest of yegmen that ever worked in this section, and his capture is quite a victory for the Pinkerton's who have never let up on him since his workings in this section 10 years ago.

One of the Old Veterans.

We were made glad Friday last by a visit from Uncle John Keaster, and when these old party veterans come to see us, it always tends to make us the stronger in our party faith. He has been among us for 51 years and, got in his first vote in Illinois in 1856, voting for John C. Freemont, and there are but very few of these now living in our county.

He was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, just 75 years ago, Wednesday of this week, November 11th, 1833. He went with his parents to Wayne county, Ohio, then to Stephenson county, Illinois, then to Iowa, where he married Sarah Jane Brown in 1856. After his marriage he returned to Illinois and voted the Freemont ticket, and then went back to Iowa.

In 1857 he came to Holt county, and located on the farm now owned by Dan Burrier. He came to Oregon just after the civil war, and then went back to the farm locating in Hickory township, on the land now owned by J. W. Kuhn and Charley Crider. Several years ago he retired from farm life, and moved to Mound City, Mo., where he and wife are now living at their ease.

It is a remarkable incident in connection with the life of this splendid old couple, that the death messenger has never cast its shadow over their home.

Seven children have been born to them. These are:

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, of South Dakota.

Thomas, of this county.

Mrs. Amanda Wampler, of Tarkio, Mo.

Ulysses, of Mound City, Mo.

Mrs. Flora Barnes, of South Dakota.

Edward, living south of Oregon, Mo.

Mrs. Nellie Narans, of Louisiana.

These children have brought to them 13 grand children.

May the days of Father and Mother Keaster, yet be many.

Suddenly Called.

George A. Gelvin was born in Neville, Clearmont county, Ohio, November 14, 1857, and died Sunday, November 1, 1908, from heart trouble, at his home near Culbertson, Nebraska. He leaves a wife and six boys to mourn his loss. He also has three brothers, two of whom are still in Ohio, and William E., of near Mound City, Mo.

Mr. Gelvin left Ohio and came to Mound City and located on a farm owned by Prof. W. F. Drake, and then he moved to Republican City, Nebr., where his death occurred.

Funeral services were held at residence Monday afternoon, November 2, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Gelvin was a member of the M. E. church and lived a Christian life until the end.

—Last spring at the local option election, the Oregon women paraded the streets and carried temperance banners. At the election last Tuesday, Oregon served beer not beer to kill, and in Forest City tossed they had barrels of beer on tap. Output by parcels post—Jeffersonian. The only instance reported of intoxicants being used on election day was that reported in the case of Al Wood at Forest City, who was an enthusiastic worker for Mound City.

County Court.

Our county judges were a busy set during the past week. In addition to their regular order of business, they had to cast up the election returns and this is in itself a full days work.

The county clerk was ordered to make certificate to the state auditor for the county's proportion of the foreign insurance tax amounting to $1,154.43.

The trial of Dell Curnutt, as to whether or no she is a fit person to have charge of her four minor children, will be held by the court on Monday next 16th instant. The children are temporarily at the county infirmary.

Circuit Clerk Cook filed his report for quarter ending September 30th; grand jury scrip issued $89.05; petit jury scrip, $106 10; petit jury, $126.60.

Charles Moser, George Swoope and George Hopper were named as commissioners to assess damages in the road petitioned for by Joseph Caton and others.

County Treasurer Cummins filed his semi-annual exhibit of the county treasury, showing a balance of $16,152.89 belong to the school funds, and $13,954 82 as belonging to the various county funds.

In casting up the election returns, it was found that J. W. Davis and J. A. Oren each received 105 votes for justice of the peace in Hickory township, and in casting by lot, J. A. Oren won.

The court fixed the bonds of the various officers elect at the following sums:

Sheriff	$10,000
Assessor	5,000
Treasurer, school	80,000
Treasurer, county	50,000
Surveyor	2,000
Public administrator	10,000
Coroner	1,000
Constables $1,000 to	2,000

The court made its order certifying the following to have been duly elected to the various county offices, to-wit:

Representative, H. L. Ward.

County Judge, 1st district, Philip Schlotzhauer.

County Judge, 2d district, John H. Hunt.

Prosecuting Attorney, Henry T. Alkire.

Sheriff, A. R. McNulty.

Assessor, Perry W. Ramsay.

Treasurer, Neville Dickson.

Surveyor, John H. Peret.

Public Administrator, M. D. Walker.

Coroner, Roy R. Miller.

E. C. Watts resigned as road overseer of District 49, and John Kaizer was named to fill the vacancy.

Fred Cook, as circuit clerk, reported $274 25 as fees collected for the quarter ending September 30th.

F. L. Zeller, as county clerk, reported fees collected to the amount of $1,433.68; less clerk and deputy hire $592.50; excess of fees, $841.18.

The court drew the following as petit for the coming January term:

Bigelow—Fred St. John.

Benton—G. M. Ambrose, W. Tyson, W. L. Staley and J. C. Strobel.

Clay—G. W. Randall, Mat Caywood and W. Kaufman.

Forbes—W. E. Sims and Jas. Cordrey.

Forest—R. W. Fawks and Ed. Wilkes.

Hickory—J. W. Kuhn.

Lewis—Ed. Fuhrman, Chas. Anselmen and W. H. Stewart.

Liberty—J. H. Cantlin and Abe Griffith.

Lincoln—Ray D. Duncan.

Minton—Ira Alkire.

Nodaway—G. F. Kurtz.

Minton—T. F. Pebley, E. M. Doebling and W. S. Thomson.

The Tie That Binds.

Recorder Speer issued the following marriage licenses during the month of October:

Anno Arthur E and Naomi E Wood of Forest City by Rev James M Walton

Cook George R and Ada M Snapp of Oregon October 10 by S A Tribble J P

Duncan Fred W of Coffeyville Kas and Nevora Fuller of Mound City October 14 by Rev Granville Snell

Eastwood Harvey C of Liberty Mo and Myrtle S Ebert of Oregon October 12 by Rev E F Boehringer

Hutchison Tony and Madalene Bohart of Mound City October 17 by E S McDonald J P

Hove Rich B and Ollie Smith of Forest City October 6 by Rev E F Boehringer

Moser Ralph E. and Floss E Bennett of Mound City October 28 by Rev Granville Snell

Thornton Roy E of Oregon and Lulu Elder of Forbes October 15 by Rev T J Enseart

Voltmer Emmet J of Craig and Anna Meyer of Concordia Mo October 19

—A. J. Jameson, who lives two miles from Forest City was in town the first of the week for the first time in over nine months. Mr. Jameson has not slept out of Holt county since the war closed. He is a great man, to stay at home and we do not wonder that he is for he has one of the neatest, nicest places in the whole country.—Forest City News.